

# Fresno Police Department

## Chief's Advisory Board Minutes

March 27, 2008

- Present: Ed Bailey, Jimmy Bosquez, Roz Clark, Morgan Doizaki, Tom Gentile, Connie for Harry Gill, Rebeca Rangel, Vicki Bethel for Michael Roth, Jan Sangster, H. Spees, Kathy Omachi.
- Absent: Kamal Abu-Shamsieh, Frank Franco, Gordon Donoho, Paula Farris, Floyd Harris, Jesse McDonald, Debra Odom, Jim Poptanich, Luke Raughley, Enrique Reade, Deep Sethi, David Tittle, Darrell Tuckness,
- Guests: Deputy Chief Keith Foster, Sgt. Brian Rogers, Lissa Parker, Pat Barr and Teresa Hernandez.
- Call to Order: The meeting was held in the City Hall Annex Training Room and called to order at 5:42 pm.

### Minutes:

Minutes from February 28, 2008 were approved with minor corrections

### Opening Remarks:

- Discussion about practices during C.A.B. meetings; minutes.
- Chief Dyer: If you didn't receive an FPD Annual Report, let us know

### Agenda Items:

#### CALEA Announcement: Sergeant Rogers

There will be a session at which the public is invited to offer on Monday, April 14th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the New Exhibit Hall, meeting rooms 2015 - 2018, 848 M Street, in Fresno. If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he / she may do so by telephone. The public may call (559) 621-2107 on Monday, April 14th, 2008, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with C.A.L.E.A. standards.

Roz Clark: Can members obtain a list of what the CALEA standards are?

Chief Dyer: There are about 380 standards, each of which could have bullet points A – I; pretty extensive. It has been a lot of work, but worth it. The process is less lenient for re-accreditation than for initial accreditation; they are less likely to forgive.

#### Encampments: Chief Dyer

Recent operations at the encampments provided a great deal of information. News didn't really capture the essence of what is happening; for instance, we have people coming here from other cities, other states, just to "live" in the encampments and distribute drugs.

Kathy Omachi: Some of the citizens thank the PD; during the PD operation the citizens weren't getting robbed.

### Prison Overcrowding and Re-entry Facilities

There are two major issues here: 1) The State is facing a 16 billion dollar deficit. Governor has asked for 10% cut across the board. 2) Ruling in Coleman (which addressed lack of appropriate care in prisons due to overcrowding) means that CDCR needs to free up 22,000 beds very soon to 35,000 w/in a year. The courts would like to see a 40,000 inmate reduction.

A panel has been appointed to try to determine the best ways to meet what the court wants without impacting public safety. We are examining re-entry facilities.

While many believe that a lot of these offenders belong somewhere other than in prison, no one wants a re-entry facility in their neighborhood.

I support re-entry facilities. They are very important in reintegrating people back into society. Prisons don't provide treatment. Our role is to examine conditions and standards for these facilities so they are safe for citizens and not a burden to law enforcement.

Current facility being looked at has three basic components: 1) Non-violent offender 2) 36 months or less on sentence and 3) Each section of the facility is gradually less restrictive.

Our working group is examining downsizing the prison population, looking at private organizations that may be able to house or provide treatment for the recently released. Every time someone gets violated for certain crimes, should they go back to prison? Or do we just need to get them out of the community. Once we identify a crime trend, parole and probation searches take away anonymity, shake things up, etc, and numbers tend to drop. In addition, relating to gang shootings, immediate identification of those involved and performing searches and putting gang members and associates in jail as quickly as possible gives them all a time-out and helps the heat to die down quickly creating less of a chance of retaliation.

Vicki Bethel: Suggest partnering with existing drug programs/ 90-day program expand to 6 months or a year.

Chief Dyer: Currently trying to conduct an analysis of the state facilities, examine capacity, etc.

Rebeca Rangel: Suggest looking at "Three-strikes."

Chief Dyer: That's a legislative issue; as of now they are untouchable. Second-strikers and lifers aren't even being considered. A 22-item risk assessment is being used to determine likelihood of re-offense is released.

Approval will likely occur in March 2009 for Fresno facility.

### Round Table

Roz Clark and H. Spees: Positive comments about Cal Chief's conference and Chief Dyer's reputation.

Chief Dyer: Have received some negativity in the form of a public records request regarding staff time and money used for conference. Overlooking that the conference brought in tons of revenue: events with food; vendors; 1600 motel nights in our city; shopping.

Roz Clark: Need to address response times to home burglaries.

Chief Dyer: We do need to look at that and we also need to educate the public on why the delay exists.

H. Spees: Suggest flagging such crimes for response by a volunteer or advocate.

Sgt. Rogers: Suggest TIPS, volunteers who are previous victims

Chief Dyer: Will examine the idea of "advocates" for residential burglary. Invite suggestions.

Vicki Bethel: Inquiry about domestic violence statistics

Chief Dyer: 106 so far this year. 17.8% reduction from last year.

Announcements:

None

Closing Remarks:

Chief Dyer: Demands for “across the board” budget cuts are damaging; they imply that all governmental services are equal.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Next Meeting:

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008